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# TILDEN TOPICS

The Man  
has come . . .  
and gone

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## English, Speech Depts. Announce Poetry, Declamation Winners

Winners of the second annual Poetry and Declamation Contest were announced at the assembly program on May 10.

The contest was jointly sponsored by the English and Speech Departments. Its emphasis was on creativity and originality. The purpose was to promote students to write creatively and to practice enacting poems written by fellow Tildenites.

The winner of the poetry contest was Bill Wertheim. His poem was entitled *The Red Laugh*. It is the story of a jester and self-mockery. Charles Sanford was the winner of the declamation contest. He read a poem entitled *Ode To A Bessemer Converter* by Paul Cantor.

Second prize in the poetry contest was given to David Block for his poem, *Werewolves and I*. It told of an individual left desolate due to his loss of fate. The third prize was given to Pam Polikoff for her poem, *Ode On A Tomb*. This poem described death and the aftermath of mourning.

Ronnie Forum received second prize in the declamation contest for her

### Polikoff, Wertheim Win Poetry Prizes

*In the corner of each cage was  
In the back of every door was  
The key to every lock never made  
and nothing more —Pam Polikoff*

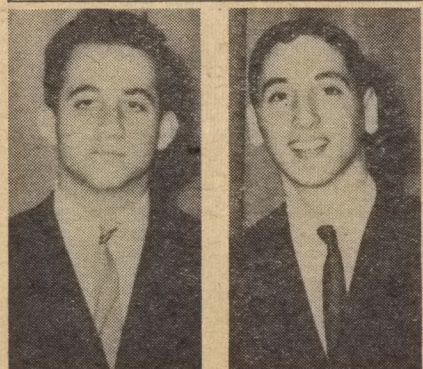
*Fiddler blind sang to the night  
and stamped his foot on the  
barrel house floor*

—Bill Wertheim

The above selections are from poems submitted by Bill Wertheim and Pam Polikoff, of official classes 8K and 8L, respectively, to the 1961 Scholastic Magazine Writing Awards Contest for creative writing. Both of these students have been presented with thirty-five dollar cash awards in the poetry division of the contest. Dolly Bloom, of 6X, won honorable mention.

The contest, sponsored by the W. A. Shaeffer Pen Co., was opened to all full-time students in grades 6 through 12 throughout the United States and Canada.

Entries were judged by the editors of *Scholastic Magazine* and juries of outstanding authors and educators.



l. to r.: Bill Wertheim, Charles Sanford.

reading of *The Awakening* by Dolly Bloom. David Block received third prize in this contest for reading the winning poem by Bill Wertheim.

Identical prizes were awarded to winners of both contests. First place winners were awarded an engraved loving cup, second place winners were presented with a plaque, and the third prize winners received gold statuettes. All others who submitted poems were credited with certificates.

Other entries were *This Is My Love* by Diana Dickman, declaimed by Linda Kessler, *The Forces of Life* by Valerie Gall, declaimed by Charlotte Horowitz and *The Question* by Susan Colin, declaimed by Laura Singer.

Judges of the poetry contest were Miss Sarah Stieglitz and Mrs. Carole Cohen. Declamation judges were Mrs. Jean Gumpert and Mrs. Charlotte Ment.

Mr. Blum, chairman of the English Department, hopes that in the years to come, more freshmen and sophomores will become contestants.

## Students Discuss Minority Issues

The problems which face minority groups was the topic of discussion at a recent conference sponsored by the Committee on Intergroup Relations. The conference was held at the Low Memorial Library of Columbia University on May 7 and was attended by teenagers and their adult advisors.

Religious and racial bigotry and possible methods of eliminating these forces from society were discussed. All participants agreed that the foremost problems were inequality of opportunity, unemployment, and segregation.

Among the possibilities suggested was the idea to hold an International Dance. This was favorably considered by the committee since it has appeal to teenagers. Plans are now being made for such a dance in the near future.

## Senior Celebrities Announced; Kranis, Baum: Mr., Miss Tilden

Blue ribbons were awarded to the winning Senior Celebrities at the semi-annual Red Letter Hop held Friday night, April 28, in the boys' gym. Of the 208 seniors competing, thirty-four were victorious. These celebs will have their names and pictures printed in the celebrity section of the Senior Yearbook. The winners are:

Miss Tilden: Janie Baum

Mr. Tilden: Jay Kranis

Most Popular Girl: Rhoda Phillips

Most Charming Senior:

Isabel Goodman

Most Versatile Boy:

Robert Markowitz

Most Versatile Girl:

Sonia Yankelowitz

Class Wit: Harvey Hacker

Most Cheerful: Judy Center

Class Dramatist: Robert Safirstein

Best Girl Dancer: Susan Reif

Best Boy Dancer: Tony Minitti

Class Musician: Jeffrey Loger

Class Journalist: Leonard Zwerling



Left to right: Jay Kranis, Janie Baum, Rhoda Phillips, Robert Fuster.

Most Popular Boy: Robert Fuster

Girl Most Likely to Succeed:

Pamela Pines and Susan Rothberg

Boy Most Likely to Succeed:

Marc Hoffnagel

Boy Who Did Most:

Lewis Coopersmith

Handsome Senior: James O'Brien

Prettiest Senior: Marsha Banks

Cutest Senior: Gail Halpern

Miss Dimples: Phyllis Dittman

Class Vocalist: Josephine Mirasola

Class Artist: Elaine Rudnick

Best Boy Athlete: Alan Ziperstein

Best Girl Athlete: Judy Kaufman

Best Dressed Boy: Dennis Mandell

Best Dressed Girl: Bonnie Rosen

Most Popular Pair of Girls:

Enid Swill and Mickie Pearl

Most Popular Pair of Boys:

Fred Fassman and Allan Rashkin; Barry Kraft and Arnie Schanker (tie)

## Thurgood Marshall, NAACP Counsel, Receives Lefkowitz Memorial Award

Mr. Thurgood Marshall, special counsel to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was awarded the fourth annual Dr. Abraham Lefkowitz Memorial Award on May 19, before a senior assembly group in the auditorium.

This award is presented in honor of Dr. Lefkowitz, former principal of Tilden, who was a crusader for improvements in public education and labor conditions.

The Lefkowitz Award, presented by Mr. Margolies, in the form of a scroll, was prepared by Mr. Israel Muraskin, chairman of the Abraham Lefkowitz Memorial Award Committee. Instituted three years ago, this award was presented to Mr. Marshall because "as special counsel and director-counsel to the NAACP, Mr. Marshall has demonstrated gifts of courage, integrity, resourcefulness, and skill in the preparation and presentation before the courts of the land many cases involving crucial issues of civil rights . . ."

In the historic Supreme Court decision of May, 1954 (*Brown vs. Topeka*), which was a decisive step in outlawing segregation in the public schools, Mr. Marshall reflected "high credit upon his legal talents, contributing to his reputation as one of America's outstanding lawyers in the field of civil rights."



Mr. Thurgood Marshall

"When will people realize that there is no one under the sun who has the right to hold his foot on another man's neck?"

This quotation is from Mr. Thurgood Marshall's speech, given before the senior assembly group in the auditorium on May 19, advocating equal rights and the dissipation of racial bigotry. In his speech Mr. Marshall also brought out the following points:

"The majority of the people in the world are of darker skin. By 1962 the most important block of nations in the U.N. will be African. . . . We must not have prejudice because it is morally right to do so. In a democracy we must have a goal—something to aim for. Our goal must be

### Junior Builds 'Plasma Torch'

For the first time in our school's history, a Tilden student has been awarded the major prize in the City Science Fair. He is Jonathan Leis of 6N.

John's project was a plasma torch, a device which creates temperatures equalling those of the sun's surface (10,000° F.).

Tilden's Science Department, headed by Mr. William Berman, is understandably proud of this achievement. The department also received an award in recognition of its fine teaching which was the foundation of John's work.

On May 9, John leaves for Kansas City, Mo., with eleven other New York City Finalists, to compete in the National Science Contest.

A plasma torch involves the use of high radio frequencies to produce energy. Since it utilizes ordinary air while creating a great force of propulsion, it may be useful in the field of space technology.

### H.S. Ambassadors Hold U.N. Session

A model Security Council session concerning the current Congo crisis was held Saturday, April 29, at the Finley Student Center of the City College of New York.

Students from over 16 high schools participated as representatives of member nations on the Security Council and the Congo Commission. Tildenites, Jo-Ann Rothman and Marvin Wasserman, representing Senegal on the Congo Commission, introduced a resolution calling for the Security Council to supervise free elections resulting in eventual self-determination for the Congo. They also introduced a joint resolution on behalf of Ceylon, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Nigeria, and Senegal.

Information regarding Senegal's position on the Congo was obtained from an interview with her United Nations ambassador. The interview was conducted entirely in French.

The model session was sponsored by the American Association for the U.N., the Collegiate Council for the U.N., the High School Council for the U.N., and the Board of Education.

Participating students were chosen from among those who attend the U.N. High School Workshop.



that the child, born to the blackest, poorest, most illiterate sharecropper in Mississippi is the exact equal of John D. Rockefeller's child. It may not be true in my lifetime or even in yours—but that must be our goal."

"Victory in hands of younger people" Mr. Marshall urged that "we should use education to convert people's minds to the principles for which we stand. . . . The real victory is in the hands of the younger people. We must have a group of people trained in fact and not fiction."

**Integration and the Government** In an interview with *Topics'* editors following the program, Mr. Marshall made the following statements: "Negroes would definitely benefit from immediate de-segregation. . . . The majority of whites in the South are willing to have integration if it is decreed by the courts."

It is true that there have been some advancements in this field. However, while token integration was wonderful for '54 and '55, in '61 it is nothing. . . ."

Mr. Marshall was introduced by Mr. Israel Muraskin, chairman of the Dr. Abraham Lefkowitz Memorial Award Committee. Mr. Margolies also gave an opening address in which he praised Mr. Marshall for his great advancements in social reform.

Seymour Safransky

## Topics Talks:

## The Positive Side

According to its present popular and misused definition, editorials are termed as "censorable, harsh, cruel, and downright despotic mouthpieces of radical factions, whose sole function it is to decry and criticize any and all well-established institutions, beneficial, deleterious, or otherwise."

"Editor's Choice," in its own meek and subtle manner, has been in firm alliance with this definition, and at times has proposed "objectionable" suggestions which have at times, suffered the blue-pencil treatment. There is no derogatory statement implied here since most of the suggestions were perhaps unsuitable for publication. In this, my next to last column, I intend to reverse my usual "censorable" attitude, and attempt to analyze the major good points of our school.

## Teachers

We can be proud of our fine faculty. We have a superb staff of well-qualified and well-educated teachers who incessantly strive for excellence in scholarship and character. They are warm and friendly, and always ready to help where aid is needed.

## Extracurricular Activities

We have an abundant and varied list of organizations, publications, and athletic teams from which students can select their preference. They can participate without any fear of ridicule, and each has an equal chance to exhibit his talents. A strong sense of sportsmanship and fair play prevails and we suffer no lack of support, but rather an overabundance.

## Students

We can be proud of our student body. We are endowed with many students who excel in scholarship and consequently secure a multitude of laurels and honors for their alma mater. In addition, we possess numerous successful athletic teams with such noted standouts as Ronnie Bley that gain national fame and prominence for Tilden.

Tilden is, therefore, along with its obvious petty faults and shortcomings, a rather honored and revered school, of which we all have a right to be proud.

—Leonard Zwerling

Administrative Assistant Zahn  
To Retire After 31 Years

An abstract montage of Mr. Albert C. Zahn's career as Administrative Assistant at Tilden might include a worn bus pass, a schedule of a year's entire program (dated anywhere from 1930 to the present), and a sign saying "Mr. Zahn's office — break glass in case of emergency."

This should give some idea of the many and varied jobs which have been in the capable hands of Mr. Zahn. As Administrative Assistant, he is in charge of the many phases of school life which are taken for granted



Mr. Albert C. Zahn

but are absolutely essential for the school to run well. He has been supervising the program schedule, the examination schedules, the bus pass system, and the hiring of substitute teachers. Any emergencies that might

arise in the course of normal school activity are in his hands.

Mr. Zahn will retire this June. His retirement will come, as Mr. Margolies has said, "... as a real blow to the faculty and to the students.

Mr. Zahn, more than anyone else, is Mr. Tilden. He is a trouble shooter par excellence."

Anybody who has dealt with Mr. Zahn — from the students who have gone to him with requests for a bus pass ("He's firm but fair.") — to Mr. Kahn ("He is, in a large measure, responsible for the excellent reputation Tilden enjoys in the City of New York.") — knows he is an excellent representative of the teaching profession.

Mr. Zahn organized Tilden in 1930 after 10 years of teaching at DeWitt Clinton and J.H.S. 83. He has been at Tilden ever since—including a ten-year stint as head of the Tilden Annex at Kingston Avenue and Park Place. (Yes, Virginia, Tilden was once more crowded than it is now.)

Looking into the future Mr. Zahn doesn't see any necessity for Tilden to go on three sessions, or a need of a new annex. At the time of the old annex (the 1930's) Tilden was the only school in the area. However, now with several other schools in the area (Midwood, Wingate, and Sheepshead Bay) Tilden doesn't have to take such a heavy load of students.

The funniest experience that occurred during Mr. Zahn's career at Tilden was the time a boy was caught with a bus pass that wasn't rightfully his. This particular boy lived only ten blocks from the school. When Mr. Zahn asked him how he got away with using a bus pass for the ten block trip to school, the boy replied, "Oh, I'm smart! I walk ten blocks back the other way and get the bus there!"

After his retirement, Mr. Zahn and his wife plan on taking several trips to the Mediterranean area. (He has already been around the world.)

After 31 years, it is with a deep feeling of regret that we say goodbye to Mr. Zahn.

Wherefore is it Romeo?  
On Your Elbow, Juliet

The Girl, bearing an unbecoming resemblance to a stampeding elephant, charges up to her bewildered cronies in Cohen's Pizzeria and pants, "LOOK!" She holds up a rusted, unsightly blob of silverized tin with which her boyfriend recently declared their relationship. The Girl has tumbled into the pit called "Going Steady."

The first stage of this complicated tribal rite is known as "seeing." (No embellishments, just plain "seeing.") Throughout this period, the couple in question has dates on three successive Saturday nights, and the boy makes eight purposeless, ten-minute telephone calls to the girl, during which she does her Spanish homework.

The next development is properly called "going steadily", but is commonly known among girls as the "Any-minute-now-he's gonna-ask-me" phase. By this time, the pair are spending more time on the phone, and the young woman has given up Spanish while talking to her soon-to-be. She now bites her nails, which will look more dramatic if one of her friends is hiding in the alley.

The paramount moment of the entire ritual takes place when our gallant Romeo steels himself for the big question. His well-rehearsed speech forgotten, he approaches beady-eyed Juliet (who suspects what is coming) and gulps inaudibly, "Let's go steady—I'm nuts about you." Juliet flings her spindly arms around Romeo's stiff neck and waits impatiently for him to present her with that most coveted treasure — a \$3 simulated pearl anklechain, fuzzily engraved with the legend "R.M. & J.C."

However, Romeo fails her. After groping frantically in his gum-filled pockets, he clutches a token of affection in his clammy hand. Missing the prescribed area of display by some five inches, he clumsily clasps a battered, un-polished I.D. somewhere around the region of Juliet's elbow.

Unobtrusively sliding the bracelet down to her wrist, Juliet mutters, "At least I can hock it!"

Carol Fingerroth

## Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

I would like to speak out about the length of the school day. Although Tilden is on a double session basis, there is no reason for giving students both study and lunch periods.

Without these periods, it is possible for an early session student with five majors to carry a program from 8:00 A.M. to 12:26 P.M. Because of the longer day, many ambitious students are not capable of securing employment. It would seem more sensible considering this, to give the students the required subjects and then dismiss them.

This term, I enter the school during the fourth period for Biology and then I have both study and lunch, fifth and sixth periods respectively. These hours are both wasted because the homework I receive is in the textbook at home.

I believe it imperative that these subjects be more wisely proportioned.

Sincerely yours,  
Audrey Smith

By Robert Kessler

Ever since my recent book — *I Botched Three Lives* (290 pp.) — Simon and Simple (\$4.95)—was published, I have been getting a number of queries as to which of my many cases as an agent for a secret foreign power (which shall go nameless) has been my favorite. Though not the most striking, my favorite is *The Case of the Intelligence Officer Who Wasn't Very*.

It began several months ago when I, cleverly disguised as a Tilden student, observed this strange man slinking through the halls. He was dressed completely in black. Not only that, but his face was completely obstructed on the bottom by a luxurious beard and on the top by a large black hat pulled down over a pair of sunglasses. All in all, he looked like a Hollywood version of an American spy.

"You an American spy?" I jokingly asked.

"How'd you guess?" he said, looking rather hurt. (Actually, his eyeglasses looked hurt. I couldn't see his face.)

"There, there," I said, wiping the tears from his eyes—er, eyeglasses. "Maybe, I could be of some assistance in your work then?" I suggested.

He said, "Yes, walking through the school I picked up some information which I must relay to the President."

"Well, any friend of Jack's is a friend of mine. Feel free to use the phone," I answered. However, I suddenly thought that I might be making an error. Here was my big chance to get in good with my bosses.

Realizing the secret foreign power for which I worked might be interested in this vital information, I offered him my *Let's Get Beri-Beri This Week Club* pin in exchange for it. Eagerly grabbing at it (poor underpaid civil servant that he was) he blurted out, "Lee is marching on Gettysburg. The North may be lost."

My only reply was a feeble "Oh, why don't you go out and invade Cuba?"

## TOPICS on the TOWN



By Seymour Safransky

Buy their records—watch for them on radio or TV—save enough money to buy a ticket to their Golden Theatre performance—but see and hear Mike Nichols and Elaine May—two smashing young comedians who have added a Broadway show to their rapidly mounting successes with Alexander Cohen's production of *An Evening with Mike Nichols and Elaine May*—a "two-man show" which was the only Broadway entrant this year to have received unanimous raves from the seven New York critics.

This writer was fortunate to have the opportunity of interviewing Mike and Elaine several weeks ago:

Q. Do you consider yourself "sick" comics?

A. No. I believe that newspapers label people "angry" or "sick" without much discretion. However, Elaine did have the flu about a week ago.

Q. Who is your favorite comedian?

A. Charlie Chaplin is the funniest man I ever saw. No one will ever come close to him.

Q. Where do you get most of your material?

A. We have only to look at ourselves and our own experiences to feel out a scene and what might be funny.

Sometimes just an opening line will suggest a whole situation. Mike refers to the mother-son phone conversation, a sketch in their show.

"It actually happened," he says, "when the telephone rang one day and a voice, very familiar to me said, 'Hello, Michael, this is your mother; remember me?' Right then I knew it was going to be a scene" ... a scene which is now one of the highlights of their show.

New Phenomenon—  
Imitation Seniors

As Graduation Day approaches s-l-o-w-l-y but surely, the seniors seem to be the "chosen ones" in the school. With their roses, beanies, and smug expressions, they are easy to spot. Envious lowerclassmen now imitate the seniors in every way possible.

The most imitated Senior Status Symbol is the huge rose. Other Tildenites have begged, borrowed or stolen these flowers just for the chance of being mistaken for a senior. Rumor has it that a *junior* has the most beautiful rose in the school. However, if you look closely you can see the flowerpot between his books.

Senior Beanies are imitated too. The latest trend is berets, which look more Beatnik than Senior.

The typical senior look, though, is inimitable. It takes at least four years in high school to acquire such a relieved expression.

But seniors still worry about lowerclassmen sharing their hard-earned glory. One haggard-looking senior (who has gone through this five times already) has relieved his anxiety by posting a large sign on his back reading: "I AM A REAL SENIOR. DO NOT BE FOOLED BY IMITATIONS!"

Anita Locke

## Have You Heard?

Here are some quotes that we'd like to hear:

"Have no fear! I have read the script. We're going to win in the end!"

—From President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's message to Congress; December 8, 1941.

"America is the only land where every vampire has the opportunity to grow up and become a Dracula."

—Bela Lugosi addressing the semi-annual meeting of the stockholders of the Mortician's Club of Greater New York; October 31, 1934

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## ON THE SIDELINES

with Arnold Fleischer

Have you ever noticed that the blue-clad gentlemen who umpire behind the plate—especially those at Tilden—apparently have delusions of great acting ability? A notable example is the arbiter who called balls and strikes at the Wingate and Madison games. Seen in the picture at the right, this conscientious official emphasizes each called third strike by violently swinging his arm and twisting his entire body completely over to the left. With a little more practice, he could reach Hollywood.

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As of this writing, the Tilden baseball team has compiled a record of 2-2, defeating Erasmus and Wingate while losing to Madison and Sheepshead Bay. The 3-1 loss to the latter was an especially disappointing defeat for the "Blue Devils," since it greatly increased the pressure on them. Although Coach Ginsberg's charges battled valiantly, they could amass only one run, in the first inning. Once Sheepshead pitcher Rico Petrocelli got a one-run lead in the fifth, he started pouring on the speed, and the "Blue Devils" were finished.

... Sheepshead's first run came in on two first-inning errors by third baseman Al Ziperstein, who was gravely handicapped by his injured ankle. ... Tilden pitcher Frank De Blasi deserves praise for another superior, though losing, mound performance. Maybe next time he'll get more support.

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The sharp wit of basketball coach Jerry Gold was evidenced once again in his very funny circulars concerning the Faculty-Student basketball game, scheduled for May 19. Having been in your H.I.B. class, Mr. Gold, and having listened carefully to all your lectures on *life-saving, cancer, and health ed. T.X.'s.*, I certainly hope that you don't hail from "P.U."

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Apparently, my comment on the relatively poor attendance of the baseball games has been taken to heart by many Tilden fans. At least, in my opinion, the size of the crowds has doubled. The only trouble is that it's easier to get hit by a foul ball.

Once the home schedules of outdoor track meets and handball games get under way, Tilden sports enthusiasts will be able to enjoy a three-way treat. Relaxing in the stands and basking in the sun, they will be able to view the baseball, track, and handball teams that work against their opponents.

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Since the summer is barely a month away, Tilden students who hope to make any of the teams should put their plans to work. Tryouts for the football team are already under way, but most of the other squads will wait until next autumn. None of the teams is completely set, and anyone who is willing to try out is welcome. So practice during the summer and come to tryouts in September. You may be another Ronnie Bliey.

## Adlermen Sport 2-1 Early League Slate

After having been discontinued as an athletic event, handball was reorganized as a team activity four years ago. One of five schools competing in Brooklyn division one, Tilden holds an early league record of 2-1. In their first three contests, the *Adlermen* beat John Jay and Madison, 4-1, 4-1, and were defeated by Midwood, 4-1. Barry Drayer, however, Tilden's second singles player, defeated his Midwood opponent for Tilden's only game won against Midwood in the last one and a half years.

Every division contains five schools, and each school meets the other four twice. Individual meets consist of three singles and two doubles matches.

Tilden's fifteen-man squad is led by veterans Barry Drayer and Seymour Shtab. In view of the tough afternoon practice sessions, Coach Murray Adler feels that the team stands a good chance of placing high in the division.

After the Midwood loss, the boys have been working to build up their defense for the season's future matches. Of the four other teams in the division, John Jay, Fort Hamilton, Madison, and Midwood, the boys feel that their strongest competition will come from Midwood.

Although last year's team placed second, most of the players were graduated last June. Coach Adler, therefore, is faced with the problem of managing a squad with practically no experience. But with five games remaining, the outlook is still high.

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The majority of the high schools in New York City support handball as a team sport. In the last few years, it has gained widely in popularity and has enjoyed increased player participation.

The Tilden swimming team recently held an intra-squad meet. Held among members of the team, the boys were classified into groups of Sophomore, Junior, and Senior teams in competition with each other. The races produced some interesting results. In the 100 yard backstroke, Captain Joey Rost finished first, Hank Garvin second, and Jim O'Brien third. In addition, the Senior medley team of Hank Garvin, backstroke; Len Levensberg, freestyle; Richie Levenson, breaststroke; and Jim O'Brien, butterfly, defeated the groups of Juniors and Sophomores.

## DUG-OUT CHATTER

By Bob Silver

A worthy addition to the Tilden infield this season has been 6' 1" junior Richie Beckelman, a remarkable fielder and a better than average batsman.

Although Richie saw little service last season, he has blossomed out into one of the standouts on this year's team. Beckelman has improved his hitting since the season began, as can easily be shown by his elevation in the batting order from eighth to fourth, or cleanup.

"Beck" has won one game this season with his bat alone. In a non-league encounter against East New York, Richie slammed in two runs to lead Tilden to a 4-3 win.

Nevertheless, Richie's forte is his skillful work around the bag at first. In going to the right or left, leaping high for a throw, or scooping a ball out of the dirt, few are better than this ball player. Richie predicts a successful campaign for the *Blue Devils*, and he hopes they will better last year's record.



After former Tilden great Billy Peterson expired his baseball eligibility last June, many fans wondered who would replace such a marvelous ball player at shortstop. All agreed that whoever fell into this role would have to go a long way to take up the slack left by Peterson's departure.

Since then, Joe Gagliardi, a 5' 10" 170 lb. junior, has moved into Peterson's old position. "Gag" has filled the gap admirably, contributing superb all-round play at bat, on the bases, and in the field.

During the first half of this season, Joe was one of the key cogs in Tilden's fast start. After eleven games, he had accumulated 10 hits in 29 at bats for a fine .345 average.

Joe's big game came in Tilden's first league battle, with arch rival Erasmus, whom the *Blue Devils* had not beaten in several years. Joe batted out a double and two singles, scored twice, and drove in two runs to pace the team to a 6-2 victory.

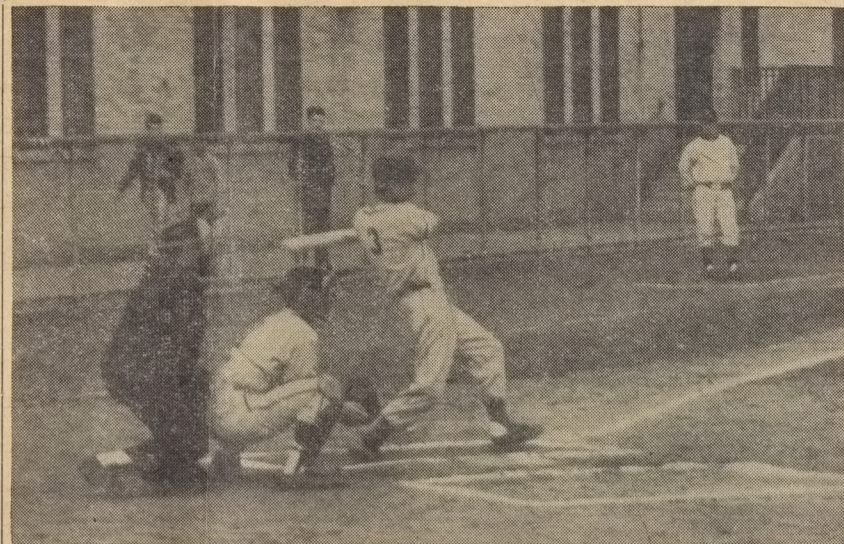
## 'Nine' Topples Erasmus, Wingate, 6-2, 8-2; Bows To Madison, 7-2

Following their 6-2 drubbing of Erasmus, the Tilden baseball team defeated Wingate 8-2, on April 24, at Tilden field.

The *Blue Devils* broke a scoreless deadlock in the bottom of the third inning, getting 2 runs. Centerfielder Mario Barbera opened the frame with a line single to center. He quickly advanced to third on a balk and Nick Martin's sacrifice grounder. On the following play, Artie Maisano rapped a sharp ground ball towards short. Bobbling the tricky ball, the Wingate fielder overthrew first base, allowing Barbera to score and Maisano to move to second. After Bobby Rosenthal had advanced Maisano to third on an infield out, Richie Beckelman drove him home with a single to deep third.

Meanwhile, Tilden pitcher Frank De Blasi blanked the visitors over the next two innings. In their half of the fifth, Tilden sewed up the victory with a riotous 6-run outburst. After Artie Maisano had popped up to the first baseman, Bobby Rosenthal lofted a double over the rightfield fence. A wild pitch sent him around to third, and Al Ziperstein then walked. Beckelman's errored grounder allowed Rosenthal to score. On the same play, however, the "Blue Devils" suffered a damaging injury. Sliding back into second, Al Ziperstein jammed his ankle and was forced to leave the game. Coach Ginsberg sent in Johnny Hyland to run for him. A balk advanced both runners, and Frank De Blasi was safe on a fielder's choice play. Hyland's slide jarred the second baseman's throw away from the catcher, enabling him to score.

Following this, pitcher De Blasi



WHERE'S THE BALL? The Madison batter is apparently seeing illusions. Actually, he has just grounded out to Tilden first baseman Richie Beckelman, in the first inning of the early-season contest.

easily pilfered second and came in to score with Beckelman on George Pena's double to left. Pena, meanwhile, took third on the throw home. Joe Gagliardi then walked, and he and Pena worked a double steal to bring home another run. Mario Barbera tallied the last Tilden run on a balk, as eleven men came to bat in the inning.

On April 28, Tilden's 'nine' was overcome by Madison 7-2 at Tilden field.

Tilden gained an early lead in the first inning. After a leadoff single by Artie Maisano, Tilden's pitcher, Bobby Rosenthal, unleashed a long double down the left field line to drive home home Rosenthal for the second run. The next batter, George Pena, hit a

single off the right field fence, but was stranded at first, as Madison's pitcher settled down and retired the next three batters.

After holding Madison scoreless for three innings, Bobby faltered in the fourth inning and allowed three runs to cross the plate. Coach Ginsberg replaced him with Neal Silverman, who snuffed out the rally. In three and one third innings of pitching, Rosenthal had struck out five, walked three, allowed three hits, and yielded three runs.

The fifth and sixth innings were scoreless as each team wasted a single. In the seventh inning, Madison reached Silverman for four more runs on a hit batsman, three walks, a single, and an error.

In the bottom of the seventh, the *Blue Devils* made a last effort. With two men out, Mike Rubin, who had replaced the injured Al Ziperstein at third, was walked and Nick Martin was hit by a pitched ball. But Maisano then forced Martin at second, ending the ball game.

The loss put Tilden's record at 2-1 and enabled Madison to gain their first triumph of the year.

## LATE FLASH!

The Tilden baseball team continued in its sudden slump, losing three straight games to Sheepshead Bay, Midwood and Erasmus.

On May 3, the *Blue Devils* dropped a 3-1 decision to league-leading Sheepshead. Behind the three-hit pitching of Rico Petrocelli, the winners limited Tilden to an unearned run in the first inning. Frank De Blasi was the losing pitcher.

The *Blue Devils* were then defeated 6-1 by Midwood on May 4. Neal Silverman and Bobby Rosenthal pitched for Tilden.

On May 9, Tilden was shut-out by Erasmus 2-0. Their record then stood at 2-4.

## Aristonians Trounce Longfellows, 41-30

Led by Joel Bert and Harvey Rubin, a fast and spirited Arista basketball team defeated the Longfellows, 41-30, on May 5. The game was closely contested until the final quarter, in which the victors outscored their opponents, 12-6.

Joel Bert was the high scorer for the winners with 16 points and was followed by Harvey Rubin with 13. Sheldon Hillman tallied 4, David Herzlinger, 3, Steven Raison and Jay Kranis, 2 each, and Fred Israelite, 1. For the Longfellows, Howie Levitt had 14, Harvey Goldstein, 8, Neil Stackel, 4, and Bob Goldstein and Lenny Penziner, 2 each.



## Inside Tilden

By Susan Rothberg and Aurora Vitale

The Red Letter Hop, college notices, the school play, student-faculty basketball game, contests, Lefkowitz Award, boatrides—everything!! Events are so thick we can hardly enjoy these things. But taking a breather and opening the window to get some air we'll congratulate all our celebrities and tell you. ....

### Furthermore

Omitted from last issue's story on *The Man Who Came To Dinner*, were the names of Myra Paget and Deborah Yaffe who were Mrs. McCutcheon and Sarah, respectively.

### Buzz ... Buzz ... Buzz ...

There's a new rock 'n' roll quartet on the horizon and one of Tilden's students is a member of it. The name of the group is the *Beehives* and Tilden's contribution to it is Dave Consor, 6G. They've appeared on the Jocko Show in Philadelphia and at the Hotel Saint George with Murray Kaufman of WINS. The *Beehives'* new record on the Fleetwood label is *Beatnik Baby* and the flip side is *I Just Can't*. Anyone interested in joining their fan club call F. Werner—HY 6-5500.



Dave Consor

### The Memory Will Live On

The classmates and friends of Norman Chiger contributed \$100 to the East Flatbush Chapter of the City of Hope and \$25 worth of books to the Tilden Library in memory of him. Norman Chiger, a Tilden student, died recently of leukemia. The \$100 contribution enables his name to be inscribed on a tile at the City of Hope National Medical Center. Those who gave contributions wish to thank Mr. Jerry Kevles for his help in collecting the money.

### Photo Contest

"Springtime in Brooklyn" is the theme of a photo contest for Brooklyn high school students being sponsored jointly by Long Island University and the Lafayette National Bank. The contest will run until June 21. Ten prizes will be awarded. Entry blanks may be obtained by writing to Room 301, Long Island University, Zeckendorf Campus, Brooklyn 1, N. Y.

### With a "T" . . . . . Left, Right, Butterfly

The Cheerleaders and Twirlers are holding their annual tryouts in the girls' gym after school. Good luck to all aspirants!

### Attention All Beau Brummels

Howard Clothes is offering a *Good Grooming Award* to the best "Kempt" boy in Tilden. All interested boys are to contact any Howard Clothes store.

### Enfin

Now that we've reached the end of our allotted space and have run out of things to say . . . we'll see you in our next . . . and last issue . . . inside these dedicated halls of learning!

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## Tilden Employee Saves Girl's Life

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Mrs. Bella Zelikowitz

"Never be afraid of giving blood," says Mrs. Zelikowitz. "It is a wonderful privilege and there is little pain."

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The Club supplied her with blood for an operation. When she found out about the rarity of her blood and the need for it, she joined the Club.

## "New Parents" Aid Worldwide Program

Tilden's Overseas Adoption Club will, it is hoped, in the very near future, become the foster parents of a needy child. The club will be operating through *Foster Parents Plan, Inc.*

*Foster Parents Plan* is a government-approved relief organization which is non-sectarian, non-profit, and non-political. Individuals and groups known as "Foster Parents" contribute \$180.00 a year, or \$15.00 a month, for at least one year. This "adoption" is not a legal obligation. The child remains in his or her own country and receives aid through the medical and social service facilities of the Plan.



Left to right: Jo-Ann Rothman, Mr. Arthur Daniels, Bruce Mesh.

Founded jointly by Jo-Ann Rothman and Bruce Mesh, the club anticipates a large following. Membership will be open to all students and alumni who pledge to donate a quarter a month. All club activities will be under the direction of Mr. Daniels of the English Department.

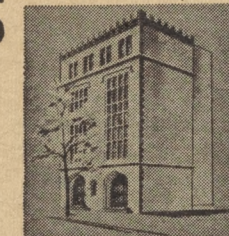
*Foster Parents Plan* has branch headquarters in Hong Kong, France, Greece, Italy, West Germany, South Korea, Viet Nam, and soon will be located in the Philippines. Thus far 76,000 children from twenty-seven different nationalities have received aid through the Plan. About 1,200 schools, colleges, fraternities, and sororities have become "foster parents."

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